

SOUTH KESTEVEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND SANITARY INSPECTOR, FOR THE YEAR, 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
South Kesteven Rural District Council.

LADIES and GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Report and that  
of your Sanitary Inspector for 1942.

SECTION A. Statistics and Social Conditions.

Area 95,061 acres .

Population (1941 figures) 13,390.

No. of inhabited houses 3898.

Rateable Value £34,392. Sum represented by a penny rate  
£158.16.1d.

Vital Statistics (not corrected by the Registrar General).

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Births	98	105	203
Deaths	72	52	124

Deaths from Puerperal Causes - Nil

Measles )  
Whooping Cough ) - Nil  
Diarrhoea )

SECTION B. General Provisions of Health Services for the Area.

These Services remain the same.

SECTION C. Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

No details are given in response to request by the  
Ministry of Health.

SECTION E. Inspection and supervision of Food.

See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

SECTION F. Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and other Diseases.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Cases.</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever	34	30	-
Erysipelas	5	2	-
Diphtheria	1	1	-
Measles	22	-	-
Whooping Cough	25	-	-
C.S.F.	4	2	2
Pneumonia	10	-	3
Opthalmia-Neonatorum	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	-	-

I would like to pay tribute to the excellent work done by  
the Scabies Nurse in keeping under control this pest.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The campaign by the end of 1942 had produced the following  
percentages of children who had received the full two  
injections of A.P.T. 5-15. 92.6% 1-5. 21.5%

This result has been secured by good co-operation with the  
doctors, teachers and office staff. The comparatively poor  
results of the 1-5 is due, I regret to say, to parental  
apathy.

Cancer Deaths. 8 males 11 females.

Sites (in order of frequency) Cervix 4, Stomach 3,  
Oesophagus 2, Rectum 2, Mediastinum 2. 1 each in Kidney,  
Liver, Colon, Breast, Brain and Pancreas.

Tuberculosis. New Cases.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Ages.</u>
Pulmonary	4	46, 28, 26, 15.	3	36, 30, 20.
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	1	29.

General Remarks Difficulty has been met with in the disposal  
of sewage from newly erected hostels due to insufficient  
co-operation on the part of the Powers that Be with your  
Sanitary Inspector.

In the reconstruction that has been planned for after the War  
(P.T.O.)



housing to provide decent livable, workable and pleasing houses water supplies and sewage, will engage the full attention of all your Officers.

The problems of safe milk becomes increasingly pressing and efforts should be made to prevent overlapping of function between the authorities concerned.

Reform and organisation are in the air. Perhaps as one who has had a Ring seat for many years past, I may be permitted to put forward some of the conclusions I have formed.

The aim of the Local Government should be speed and efficiency in execution of Parliaments plans for the better conditions of life for the people. The fewer the Departments, Parliaments plans have to filter through before reaching the Local Authorities, the less the delay, the quicker the execution. Financial provision should be on a generous scale from the National Exchequer but free from undue interference by the Treasury.

Whatever happens to Roads, Education, Electricity, Police, etc, the intimate services, i.e. Housing, Sewage, Water, Milk, etc, should be left entirely to Local Authorities, only enlarged where necessary to prevent duplication of services to secure efficiency and sufficient command of material services.

Finally I wish to thank my fellow officials for their prompt and invaluable help

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,  
J.A. GALLETTY.  
Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
South Kesteven Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES & GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my report for 1942. Although it has been a strenuous year, my work has been carried out in a happy atmosphere, largely due to the courtesy and co-operation extended to me by the members of the Council and my fellow officials with whom it has been a pleasure to work.

#### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

(a) MILK Inspections were carried out at the cowsheds as often as possible and various minor infringements of the Milk & Dairies Acts and Orders were remedied by personal interviews or the service of informal notices.

(b) MEAT & OTHER FOODS The following animals, a total of 4919 were inspected at the Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse, Eastgate, Bourne during the year:-

Bulls.	Bullocks.	Cows.	Heifers.	Calves.	Sheep.	Lambs.	Pigs.
20	484	198	192	61	3509	166	289

As a result of such inspections, a total of 17 tons 9 cwts 1 qr 11½ lbs of unsound meat was voluntarily surrendered and destroyed.

SALVAGE With the splendid co-operation of the Women's Voluntary Services, the headmasters and schoolchildren, and the ready response of the householders, salvage collections and sales during the year were very satisfactory. I am indebted to all concerned for their loyal support. Weights of Materials collected and cash realised during the year are as follows:-

Materials	Tons.	cwts.	lbs.	£.	s.	d.
1. PAPER, etc.						
(a) Cardboard.	34.	16.	28.	206.	16.	0.
(b) Mixed Waste.	13.	9.	0.	77.	15.	8.
(c) Magazines & Books.	20.	13.	56.	165.	14.	5.
(d) Newsprint.	3.	13.	84.	36.	19.	1.
(e) Kraft Brown.	5.	17.	0.	70.	17.	1.
(f) Kraft Lime Bags.	1.	9.	56.	9.	11.	9.
(g) Selected Waste.	11.	0.	0.	68.	10.	0.
2. BONES.	7.	9.	98.	27.	13.	2.
3. RAGS.	4.	11.	56.	116.	18.	0.
4. SACKING.	7.	6.	84.	40.	1.	9.
5. SCRAP METAL.	72.	4.	84.	79.	3.	1.
6. CRUSHED TINS.	25.	16.	0.	33.	15.	0.
7. RUBBER.	3.	14.	56.	9.	3.	2.

TOTALS:-

252.

40

522.

15

For the year 1941, salvage collections and sales amounted to 64 tons 19 cwts 37 lbs and receipts of £345.2.9d. It will thus be seen that, during 1942 both collections and receipts were more than trebled, this being due largely to the fact that two Salvage Drives took place during the year.

DRAINAGE. All complaints of nuisances arising from choked or defective drainage have been dealt with but many sewers are inadequate for their purpose. Sewerage Schemes are required for the majority of the villages in the district in order to obviate nuisances caused by piped sewers emptying into watercourses.

Watercourses in 13 parishes were roded and/or cleansed in 1942.

WATER SUPPLY. See Report of Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS (inspections)

Slaughterhouse	254
Cowsheds, Dairies	22
Drainage	108
Salvage	446
Infectious Disease	8
Enquiries	
Disinfections, etc.	5
Visits re Housing	107
Miscellaneous San visits	125

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

WALTER A. CHIVERS.

Sanitary Inspector.

